

Founded in 1927, Austin Peay State University is a comprehensive, state-assisted university with an enrollment of approximately 9,000 students. APSU was named in honor of the late Tennessee Governor Austin Peay, who served from 1923–1927.

With a main campus in Clarksville, Tenn. and a satellite campus on post at Fort Campbell, Ky., APSU is one of 47 universities, community colleges and technology centers in the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the sixth largest system of higher education in the nation. The University offers a full range of academic programs at the associate, baccalaureate and master's degree levels in the arts, sciences, business and selected professional programs. APSU offers 13 online degree programs and hundreds of Web-based classes. Among APSU's many points of distinction are its outstanding programs in the sciences, two centers of excellence in the creative arts and field biology and four chairs of excellence in the creative arts, business, free enterprise and nursing.

An integral part of Clarksville, a rapidly growing city of more than 100,000 located 45 minutes northwest of Nashville, the University led the state in enrollment growth in recent years. Since 2000, Austin Peay has renovated and erected numerous top-of-the-line facilities on its 160-acre main. Of the universities offering classes on post at Fort Campbell, only APSU has been given permission to construct its own building. The University enrolls more students at the Fort Campbell Center than the other five institutions combined.

**Horticulture Technician 1
Physical Plant
Regular Full-Time Position
Position Number 700020**

General Description

The Horticulture Technician 1 is under the general supervision of the Landscape Manager and performs all types of landscaping duties to include preparation, planting, maintenance and upkeep of areas such as flower beds, borders, shrubs and trees. This individual supervises other assigned regular, temporary and student employees in performing landscaping functions.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Supervise employees performing projects such as fertilizing, planting and pruning.
- Operate roads and grounds equipment necessary to perform work assignments including all hand and motorized small engine equipment.
- Safely select and apply herbicides, pesticides and fungicides.
- Plan and perform the pruning and care of trees and shrubs.
- Determine proper fertilizers used for trees, shrubs, flowers, etc.
- Plan and prepare annual flower beds for the main campus, Emerald Hill and new properties of APSU.
- Mulch and winterize perennial beds.
- Perform landscape maintenance and greenhouse operation.
- Monitor the health of University flora.
- Prepare budgets, bids and cost estimates.
- Plan and carry out renovation/construction of landscape/grounds projects.
- Perform other job-related duties as assigned.

Essential Functions

- Ability to communicate effectively and appropriately.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality of records and information.
- Ability to interact in an effective and appropriate manner with diverse populations, the University community and the public.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Ability to recognize and initiate corrective actions for safety hazards.
- Ability to accurately identify local trees, shrubs, flowers and planting materials.
- Ability to efficiently and safely operate roads and grounds equipment.
- Ability to read and interpret blueprints.
- Ability to effectively plant trees, shrubs, flower beds, etc.
- Ability to effectively and safely apply herbicide, pesticides and fungicides.
- Ability to evaluate situations and make decisions.
- Ability to supervise personnel in the horticulture/grounds area and complete all associated personnel actions in a timely and accurate manner.

Required Minimum Qualifications

- High school graduate or equivalent.
- Valid driver's license.
- Ability to work overtime as needed.
- A background check will be required of the successful applicant.

Additional Preferred Qualifications

- Associate's degree in landscape management or related area.
- Documentation of five years' successful landscaping experience.
- Tennessee Department of Agriculture Applicator's Certification.
- Formal training or experience in the landscaping/horticulture area.

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